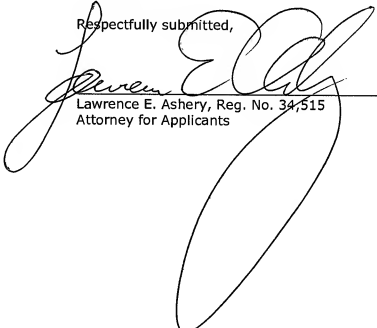


Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 12 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Japanese Publication of Osada (JP 2000-197067). Claims 1, 3-11 and 14-16, however, where indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, claim 12 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 1. Claim 17 has been similarly amended. Informalities in the claim language have also been corrected.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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